

## TO THE ATTENTION OF THE AUTHORS REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STRUCTURE AND TECHNICAL DESIGN OF THE ARTICLES

### REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTENT AND DESIGN OF ARTICLES

*The scientific article should contain the following structural elements*

#### **Classification index of the universal decimal classification**

the numerical designation which corresponds to certain headings of a certain library bibliographic classification system is on the top left of the page (Times New Roman, size of font 14, left alignment).

#### **Information about the author(s)**

First name, patronymic, last name, academic degree, academic rank, position, place of work or study with the obligatory indication of the address and structural unit of the institution (institution of higher education) (in Ukrainian, English); ORCID; contacts (email, phone – indicate if these details should be made available for feedback from the reader) (Times New Roman, size of font 14, single space).

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#### **Article**

should be informative, relevant, and reflect the problem researched in the article; lowercase letters (except for the first letter of the first word and proper names) in two languages: Ukrainian and English (Times New Roman, size of font 16, one and a half spacing, center alignment).

#### **Extended abstract**

Ukrainian and English – not less than 1800 characters with spaces each;  
one paragraph, structured (relevance, purpose, list of used methods (applied methodological tools), the main results of the study, including scientific novelty, practical significance);

should not contain references and abbreviations; duplicate information from other sections of the article (in accordance with the requirements of international scientometric databases of abstraction and indexing)

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#### **Keywords**

5–7 individual words and/or word combinations with semicolons that relate to the scientific topic, do not duplicate the title of the article, do not contain common words, in Ukrainian and English (Times New Roman, size of font 11, single spacing).

#### **The text of the article**

The main text of the study can correspond to the structure of IMRAD (introduction, literature review, materials and methods, results and discussions, conclusions) or have the structure of review articles. It is necessary to note the novelty of the study; conclusions, prospects for further scientific research, acknowledgments; conflict of interest; references; the list of used sources (the names of the structural elements of the article are distinguished by a semi-rough outline and placed in the center).

**Introduction** – a structural section, which substantiates the relevance, purpose, objectives of the study and scientific novelty; analyzes the latest research and publications, which cover certain aspects of the problem under study, not previously solved issues of general problems, to which the article is devoted (Times New Roman, size of font 14, one and a half spacing).

**Literature review** – optional section (Times New Roman, point 14, one and a half spacing).

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To visualize scientific results, visualization elements are used in the form of graphic materials, illustrations (Times New Roman, pin 14, one and a half interval).

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**Acknowledgments** is a section that expresses gratitude to individuals or organizations for ideas; feasible technical assistance; financial (material) support, thanks to which research became possible. If you have no Acknowledgements, state None.

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The total volume of a scientific article is 12–25 pages. Format A4 (1700–1800 characters per page), size of font 14, individual elements (see above) – size of font 11 or 12, one and a half spacing.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLICATION**

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photos are submitted electronically in compliance with the above mentioned requirements;

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tables are prepared in MS Word format, each with a serial number and a subject heading;

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It is not advisable to underline the words in the text. Quotation marks for Ukrainian texts should be angular – «...».

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